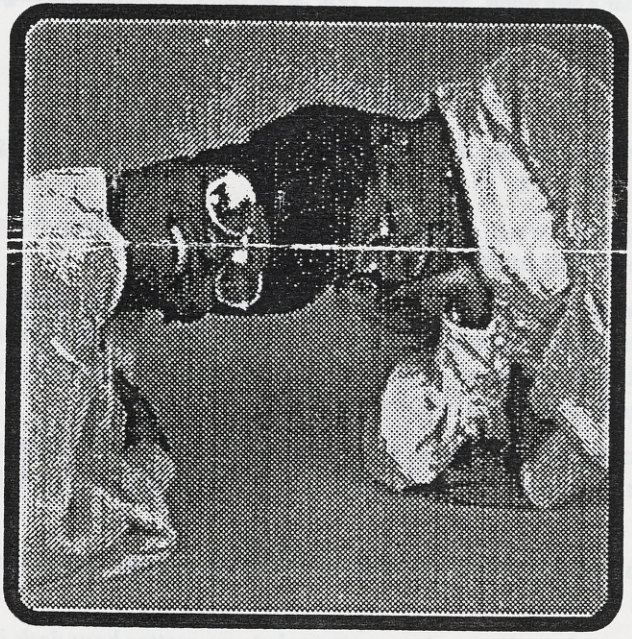
Victory
Homegoing Celebration Services

Saturday
January 16, 1993
10:00 a.m.

Gladys Yvonne (Jones) McCarther
&
Mary Yvette (Jones) McCarther

May 14, 1949 - Dec. 31, 1992



At
Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church
11066 Norris Avenue
Pacoima, California 91331

Rev. Dr. Dudley Chatman - Officiant

Mother Tribute

Yvonne and Yvette, you are mother's little gifts from God. You are so dear in my heart. It's really something mother can't explain. It's God's will, and I am satisfied. You must go through life and may never walk a step, but I love you just the same.

Mother can't give you medical care, no, but I can give you something that God gave me, and it will mean more to you, little dears, than all the medicine in the world,--that's LOVE and affection.

Mother will never forsake you for silver or gold. May GOD bless and keep you happy together. I know He will. He is so good, so true to everyone. This is my prayer, as a devoted Mother and Pal.

Willie

This dedication is mother's own words, September, 1950 ,at the General Hospital, Los Angeles, California.

Creed

I want my children to be strong and brave to do what they believe to be right even when it cost them a lot.

I want my children to be weak, to know what it means to be lonely and scared and vulnerable, to be able to cry and to say, "Please! help me."

I want my children to love, to love a lot, life and other people, especially those who aren't very lovable; to love buttercups and red maple leaves and gentle snows and shells that cover ocean beaches after a storm; to love hot cider and clean floors and great books and classical music.

I want my child to despise, to despise a lot: pretense and lies and killing cruel words, violent acts and mean tempers, diseases that ravage the body and the mind.

I don't want them to despise pain and death and endings, things that in their essence are a part of living.

I want my children to love God and no matter what--no matter how dark it gets at night, no matter what awful something the light of day exposes--I want them to never ever let go of God.

I want my children to go to bed each night, to rise up each morning, hoping, beyond that trusting, beyond that believing that God loves them, that God will never let them go.

Honorific Obsequies

"To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord"

The life book of Gladys Yvonne and Mary Yvette Jones McCarther opened May 14, 1949, when they were born to Willie Lee Jones and John H. Jones, Sr. in Los Angeles, California.

They were number six and seven of eight sisters and brothers.

They accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Calvary Baptist Church of Pacoima, California, and continued to serve the Lord. They moved to the South Bay area, and united with the Greater Brighter Star Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

The family to Bonnie and Bettie was and meant love. They enjoyed meeting people, and their reactions to them. Make no mistake about it, they enjoyed being Siamese twins.

As gospel singers, Yvonne and Yvette traveled through the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean, spreading joy and comfort. Their concerts and performances were with other leading gospel artists. Yvonne and Yvette, as they were known to most people, received their formal education from Los Angeles Unified School system by special tutoring. They continued to pursue their education attending Compton Community College. They would have received their degrees at the June 1993 Commencement.

Their life book was closed on Thursday, December 31, 1992, and promoted them to glory. They will be greatly missed by their loving family and friends. "They fought a good fight, finished their course and kept the faith."

They leave to mourn in their homegoing and rejoice in their memory: A loving, faithful and devoted Mother, Willie McCarther of Lakeview Terrace, California; four sisters, Ms. Dorothy D. Campbell and Mrs. Bobbie J. Hall of Van Nuys, California; Ms. Patricia E. Wyatt of Pacomia, California; Ms. Vernadell McCarther; Step-brother and sister Mr. Theodore Knighten Sr; Mrs. Verdell Mitchell of Los Angeles, California, and Ms. Alberta Tate-Gore of Memphis, Tennessee; Father, John H. Jones, Sr.; Stepfather, Charles McCarther; brothers, John H. Jones, Jr., and William E. Jones preceded them in death. Two aunts, Mrs. Mary D. Howard of Stockton, California; and Mrs. Gladys Sweeney of Long Island, N.Y., for whom the twins were named. Two uncles, thirteen nieces, seven nephews, nineteen grand nieces and nephews. Their loving Godmother, Mrs. Martha Howard and her family, and a host of cousins and friends.

To Bonny & Vete,

Today I must say good-bye
And in doing so - I must say good-bye
To a part of me - That nothing and no one
on this earth can replace - and that's <u>you</u>!

Broken-hearted
With overwhelming pain
Holding on to the belief
That you've gone to another <u>better</u> dimension
Gives some consolation

Knowing as you enter this dimension
Your brothers, Jr. and William are waiting
Are waiting
With open arms
And endless smiles
To dwell with you
In a place where
Broken hearts, unfulfilled dreams, and tears
Are no more

I'm trying to make some sense of it
The suddeness
Yet knowing the why' will forever remain unanswered

My dear little sisters you left with me your legacy:
When the world was cold
and all doors shut
I cuddled up in the warmth of your haven, (your room)
When acceptance of my lifestyle was far-fetched
You defend my right to my independence

I'm remembering you
I'm remembering <u>us</u>!
Dancing to the music of Stevie Wonder, "Big Brother"
You singing the lyrics as though your own

We'll dance,
When life's obstacles say No!
We'll dance
If the road gets to hard to tread
We'll dance
For our dance is instilled in my heart

They say there's a Heaven
And if in fact the home of God
You'll be there I know
Because <u>yours</u> is the purest of hearts

Since you couldn't wear the Levi's
Somebody had to - Who loves you?

Your baby sister,
Vern

Program

Organ Meditation

Processional ..... Family

Opening Selection ..... Compton Community College Choir &
Greater Brighter Star Missionary Baptist Choir
It is no Secret What God Can Do

Sacred Scriptures
Psalms 23 *I Corinthians 13*

Invocation ..... Lonnie Stokes

Selection ..... Compton Community College Choir &
Greater Brighter Star Baptist Church
He Has The Whole World in His Hands

Acknowledgement of
Cards and Condolences ..... Ethel Owens

Special Presentation ..... Dr. Warren A. Washington,
President/Superintendent, Compton Community College

Memorial Tributes (1 minute) ..... Rev. Dr. Dudley D. Chatman

Eulogies
Gladys Yvonne ..... Rev. William T. Broadous
Mary Yvette ..... Rev. Dudley D. Chatman

Selection - Lord's Prayer ..... Claudette Ratcliff

Benediction

Interment - Vahalla Cemetery, North Hollywood

Pallbearers

Rodney Foster
Theodore Knighten, Jr.
Daryl Knighten
Randy Moody
Morris Howard
Steven Howard
Fred Howard
Dezzie Prewitt

Honorary Pallbearers

Joe D. Wyatt, Jr.
Wayne D. Wyatt
Deacons and Trustees of Greater Community Baptist Church

The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many people who gave our sisters their love, prayers and support during their forty-three years with us.